

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____ (ss)

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A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring Senator Teresa S. Lubbers upon her retirement from the Indiana Senate.

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LANANE**

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SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring Senator Teresa S. Lubbers upon her retirement from the Indiana Senate.

Whereas, Senator Teresa S. Lubbers was first elected to the Indiana Senate to represent Senate District 30 in 1992;

Whereas, Throughout her tenure of over 16 years, Senator Lubbers has served as a member on numerous legislative standing committees including Elections, Judiciary, Rules and Legislative Procedure, and the Probate Code and Trusts subcommittee. In addition, she has served as the chair of the Senate Education and Career Development Committee and was appointed Assistant Majority Floor Leader overseeing the Senate Majority Communications Office;

Whereas, A former high school English teacher, Senator Lubbers has been a champion for improving the quality of education in the state of Indiana. She has worked diligently to improve academic accountability and safety standards for schools, address the drop-out rate of students, promote optional full-day kindergarten, provide advanced students with high-ability curricula, and improve teacher effectiveness;

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Whereas, While Senator Lubbers has had numerous accomplishments during her tenure in the Indiana Senate, one of her most notable achievements was the passage of the landmark charter school law. Since its inception, 49 charter schools have been established across the state and charter school enrollment has continued to grow by 2,300 students a year. Indiana's charter school law has been recognized as one of the best in the nation;

Whereas, As a supporter of the property tax reform of 2008 and of local government reform, Senator Lubbers worked tirelessly to bring about property tax relief for her hard-hit constituents as well as for all Hoosiers;

Whereas, As a member of the Judiciary Committee, Senator Lubbers fought for tougher penalties for domestic violence offenders and worked to reform Indiana's adoption laws;

Whereas, Senator Lubbers has been a strong advocate for new technology jobs and the creation of the 21st Century Research and Technology Fund. In recognition of her efforts to support economic development, Senator Lubbers has received several awards, including the Guardian of Small Business award from the NFIB and the Champion of Small Business and Government Leader of the Year awards from the Indiana Chamber of Commerce;

Whereas, Throughout her career Senator Lubbers has received countless other awards, including: Sagamore of the Wabash; Girls, Inc. Honoree; Network of Women in Business Honoree; Most Influential Women in Business, Indiana Business Journal; Women in the Lead Honoree, Indianapolis Business Journal; Indiana's 25 "Keepers," Inside Indiana Business; and Education Leader of the Year;

Whereas, Beyond her public policy work, Senator Lubbers dedicates much time to her community. She co-founded and continues to co-chair the Richard G. Lugar Excellence in



Public Service Series and serves on many boards, including the YMCA of Greater Indianapolis, the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis, and the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired; and

Whereas, After more than 16 years of service, Senator Lubbers will leave the Indiana Senate in order to assume her new role as the Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. That on behalf of the people of the State of Indiana,
2 we hereby extend our sincere appreciation to Senator Teresa S.
3 Lubbers, congratulate her upon her retirement from the Indiana Senate,
4 and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

5 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
6 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Senator Lubbers and her family.

